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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

**Office Action Summary**

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Examiner

Merrick Dixon

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 1-28-04.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.



MERRICK DIXON  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1- 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bourdelais et al( US 6368759 B1). The cited reference teaches the claimed invention including a decorated product with a decoration, adhesion, first and second printable coatings- fig 1; col 5, lines 59-61; col 10, lines 60-66. concerning claims 2,8 and 9, the reference teaches transparent layers as claimed in fig 1. concerning claim 3, the reference teaches urethane in its coating in col 9, lines 43-49. Concerning claim 5, the reference teaches similar coating disposition- see reference. Concerning claims 4-7, the reference teaches its coating layers covering respective portions of the resulting article.

4. Claims 10-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bourdelais et al( US 6368759 B1).

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The cited reference teaches the basic claimed invention including applying a decoration to a product, applying adhesive thereon, and applying first and second coatings thereon-col 5, lines 17-64; col 13, lines 43-59. the reference teaches dip coating its article in col 55, lines 38-42 as required by claims 12. concerning claims 14-17, the reference teaches similar digitally controlled air coating in col 10, lines 47-59; col 56, lines 38-39; col 60, lines 36-41; col 62, lines 21-24. concerning claims 11,13 and 18, it is submitted the claimed limitations are directed to product limitations and are of no patentable consequences to the instant question for patentability which must be manipulatively distinct.

Concerning claims 19 and 20, the reference teaches apparent conveying means during its patented process in col 11, lines 35-58.

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Nagarkar et al( US 6485839), Sawatsky( US 6699352),Blanchet-Fincher et al( US 6146792), Camp et al( US 6368758 B1), and Obrien et al( US 6551678 B1) are cited of interest for their respective teachings as set forth and additionally to show the state of the art.

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Any questions concerning the instant communication should be directed to Examiner Dixon, at 571-272-1520, Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, between 12 noon and 8 PM, eastern time .

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Merrick Dixon', with a stylized, flowing script.

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